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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: DEMARCHE RESPONSE REGARDING
MERCURY ISSUES AT THE 24TH SESSION OF UNEP

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1. Per reftel, Embassy delivered demarche on mercury issues at the 24th session of the United Nations Environment Programme's Governing Council (UNEP GC) to the Ministry of Environment. The Director of Planning, Omar Ramirez, stated that he and Minister Max Puig plan to attend the 24th session of UNEP in Nairobi this coming February. Ramirez is aware of the many important issues that will be raised at this session, including mercury contamination. Embassy is awaiting the response from the Ministry of Environment regarding the reftel demarche. Ramirez stated to emboff that Minister Puig plans to discuss the mercury issue this week. Embassy will send a readout of that meeting per reftel.
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